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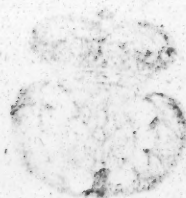


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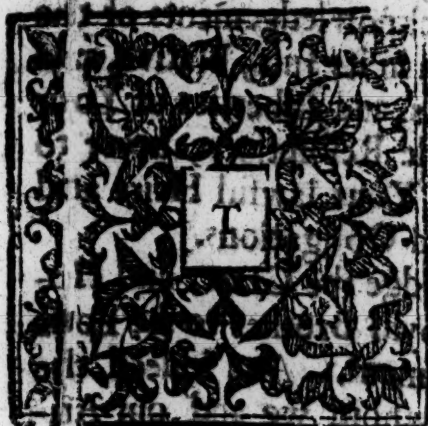
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May it please Your Sacred Majesty.



He manifold sad experiences of the fatall mischiefs and calamities which attend Rebellions, must needs in due proportion, dispose all your Majestie's Subjects to higher measures of Loyalty; more particularly us in this Your ancient Kingdom, being sensible, as we have a more special interest in your Majestie's Sacred Person and Family; so must we inevitably share the more deeply in all the inconveniences which may disturb or subvert your Royal Government. And therefore, as by our Allegiance, we own it to be our duty to be obedient and loyal to your Majesty, and Your lawful Heirs and Successors; so your Majestie's extraordinary kindness, to such as have continued in their duty, and your wonderful clemency by your repeated Indemnities to such as have fallen from it, cannot but kindle in us strong and ardent desires to serve Your Majesty, with all the courage and alacrity, of which we are capable, and to let Your other Kingdoms, and all the world see, that we esteem our Lives and Fortunes to be best imployed, in maintaining of the just Rights and Prerogatives of your Majestie's Crown and Monarchy, the native succession whereof cannot be invaded, without utter subversion of the fundamental Laws of this your Majestie's ancient Kingdom. And this our Loyalty we esteem our alone security, to avoid these confusions and slavery, which distracted and ruined us in the last Age, and seemeth to threaten us so apparently in this.

SIR, Though some rebellious and deluded People, have disturbed your Majestie's Government there, yet their Principles are so extravagant, and so few Persons of any Note or Quality, are engaged with them; that we may justly hope, their Crimes cannot be imputed to this Kingdom, whose Representatives in this Your Majestie's Parliament, will no less for their Vindication as to what is past, then for their own Security for the time coming, chearfully provide suitable and sufficient Remedies; All of us being very sensible, that these distractions and disorders would in the issue tend to the dissolution not onely of Your Majestie's Government in the Church and State, as the same is by Law established, but even of all Humane Society.

It is a great satisfaction to us, to find Your Majesty so concerned for the PROTESTANT Religion, not only in Your Gracious Letter to us, but in the whole Conduct of Your Royal Government. And we shall with all Christian care, and duty endeavour to confirm it, so as it may become a solid
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and pious support, to Your Royal Family, and Monarchie, and a sure fence in this disturbed and divided Church, against all Ulurpations and Disorders of Popery, and Phanaticism, that for the future, the pretence of its infection may not be made (as formerly) an Engyne for carrying on disloyal designs and practises.

We offer our most humble and heartie thanks to Your most Sacred Majesty, for calling us together at this time, to consult jointly the Interest of Your Majesty's Government, and of Your Subjects in this Your Ancient Kingdom, which we trust shall never be divided. And therefore, as the Prerogatives and just Rights of the Monarchie, are absolutely necessary, for the defence of our Properties and Liberties, so in pursuance of our own Interest, and for further clearing of our Dutie and Allegiance by positive Laws we shall not fail to declare our humble and heartie acknowledgements of the just Rights and Perogatives of Your Imperial Crown in its Just, Native, and Lineal course of Descent; And to secure the just Rights, and Liberties of Your Subjects, so as may fully demonstrate our unalterable Resolutions, never to depart from our Dutie to Your Royal Familie, and Your lawful Heirs and Successours, to whom we are tyed by so many sacred Obligations.

We doe also with all humble Gratitude, acknowledge the Grace, and Honour, done to this Kingdom, in naming Your Royal Brother to be Your Majesty's High Commissioner in this present Parliament. And indeed the beholding a Son of our Ancient Monarchs, under whom we and our Ancestours, have been so long and so happily governed in this Character, Doeth vigorously awaken in us, the remembrance of our Native Kindnesse and Obligations, as his just Temper and steddie equalitie in all our Concerns cannot but extinguish in us all fears and jealousies of severitie, or partiality: His Interest being unseparable from Your Majesty's: And he being well acquainted with all Our Concerns, and so affectionat to, and careful of them, Your Majesty may justly expect from a Parliament, under the conduct of such a Commissioner, all that can be judged necessary for the honour and support of Your Royal Government, and Authority, and for securing the just Rights and Liberties of Your Subjects, and that with all the Loyalty, Readiness, and Sincerity, which can be expressed by Us:

Signed in Name and by Order of the Parliament, By

Your Majesty's most Humble, most Faithful, and most obedient Subject and Servant.

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